

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 13, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her time in conducting a telephonic interview on May 28, 2004 to answer a query regarding a previous response crossing in the mail, wherein the Examiner indicated the previous response was not entered and urged a response by Applicants to the current Office Action.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18, and ending at page 12, line 14, has been amended to correct minor errors. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1 – 8, 10, 12, 13, 23, 24, and 27 - 37 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 9, 11, 14 – 22, 25, and 26 have been cancelled by Applicant. Claims 1 – 8, 10, 12, 13, 23, 24, and 27 – 37 are rejected and claims 3, 12, 13, 23, and 34 - 37 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 1, 2, 4 – 8, 10, 24, and 27 - 33, stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hey, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,551,488), in view of *Rattan, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,489,740). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. The Examiner has indicated that a centering hoop rinsing nozzle and a dispensing arm assembly to be allowable subject matter. The claims as amended, or previously presented, are drawn to this allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance since every claim contains one or both of the features indicated as patentable by the Examiner.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Further, the claims as presented contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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